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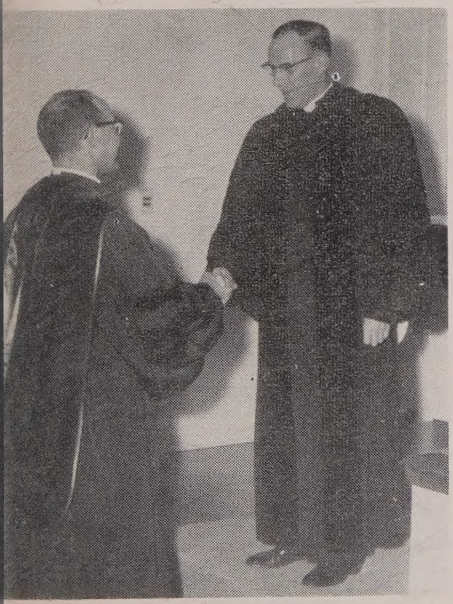
Linss Installed

With a congregation which comfortably filled Saint Timothy Chapel, with appropriate music by the Seminary Choir, with a scholarly and well received address by Dr. Wilhelm C. Linss, the service of installation for him was held on the evening of October 28 in connection with the annual meeting of the Board of Directors. The act of installation was performed by the Rev. Dr. Henry W. Opperman, Chairman of the Board of Directors, and the official presentation was made by Dr. A. G. Heitman, secretary of the Board. President Keisler served as Liturgist. Dr. Linss spoke on "Prophecy and Fulfillment."



Though still a young man, Dr. Linss has not only prepared himself for his teaching position, but has already demonstrated, both at Central and elsewhere, his aptness to teach.

Born in Bavaria, Germany, he was educated at the Melanchthon Gymnasium, and later at the University of Erlangen. His Th.D. was earned at the Boston University School of Theology in 1955. While a student at Boston he served also as a lecturer in the departments of New Testament and of Systematic Theology. His degree was earned in the field of New Testament, and his dissertation was entitled "The Four Gospel Text of Didymus the Blind".

Prior to his coming to Central Seminary as Guest Professor in the fall of 1957, Dr. Linss had been on the Faculty of Gustavus Adolphus College, teaching in both the department of Christianity and that of Philosophy, during all of which time he was also special lecturer on the Faculty of the Augsburg Theological Seminary, Minneapolis. Having been convinced of his superior qualifications, the Board of Directors decided at the end of the first semester of his guest professorship to call him as a regular member of the Faculty.

Central Seminary has been enabled to enjoy the much needed services of Dr. Linss by the generosity of Messrs. John and Kermit Wagner, Schuyler, Nebraska, who, in memory of their wife and mother, respectively, have established the Anna M. Wagner Memorial Professorship of the New Testament.

Central's Board Meets

With a good attendance on the part of the members, with a manifest devotion to the institution, and with a pronounced spirit of harmony and aggressiveness, the Board of Directors met in its semi-annual meeting on October 28. Seventeen of the twenty members were present.

All officers of the Board were re-elected as follows: Chairman, the Rev. Henry W. Opperman, D.D., Des Moines, Iowa, (unanimously, by secret ballot); Vice Chairman, the Rev. Harvey Clark, Grand Island, Nebraska; Secretary, Dr. A. G. Heitman, Sioux City, Iowa; Treasurer, (not a member of the Board) Mr. H. W. Hendriksen, Vice President First National Bank, Fremont, Nebraska.

The executive committee of the Board of Directors consists of the three members of the Board elected to various offices, plus the following elected to membership on the committee: Dr. Alfred J. Beil, President of the United Lutheran Synod in Iowa; Mr. Marius Christensen, Sidney, Nebraska; Mr. Austin P. Sanborn, Chapman, Kansas; and Mr. Clinton von Seggern, Scribner, Nebraska. Both the President and the Treasurer of the Sem-

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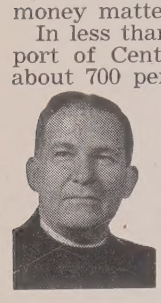
From the President's Heart to Yours

Friends of Central Seminary:

Unabashedly I write this time about money matters.

In less than a decade the financial support of Central Seminary has increased about 700 per cent. Even though I may



have only to a very small degree been responsible for this progress, no one could be more genuinely and profoundly grateful than I. Hence here is still another hearty "thank you" for all benefactions, large or small. Especially are we grateful to Almighty God from Whom have issued the generous impulses of His people, as well as the material blessings which enabled them to give.

But frankly, not all of our needs have yet been met, either for operational costs or for facilities. Persuaded of this fact the Board of Directors at its recent meeting reluctantly decided to ask the supporting Synods to increase their support to the extent of 25 per cent or from 75 cents to $1.00 per communing member each year. Reluctantly? In a sense, yes. In another sense, no. The Board believes the Church wants, needs and deserves a Seminary which will necessitate the additional funds. Even if the Synods see fit to allow the increase there will remain the need for gifts from individuals and groups—gifts large and small, and gifts outright, through annuities and by bequests.

Complying with repeated requests on the part of friends for an indication of needed and variously expensive items for the Seminary, the following are listed: 1) A copy of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible for the lecturn in Saint Timothy Chapel—about $60.00 (this may well be given as a memorial); and 2) A Thermo-Fax copying machine—about $500.00. Of course, there is the ever present need of more books for the library. Our experience has been that generally we need only to let our people know of our needs. Hence concerning the above at least we are confident. First come, first served.

Centrally yours,

E. B. Keisler

Through the thoughtful generosity of the Centraletts both the large lecture or Practical Room and the Church History room have been furnished with shades to enable the effective showing of slides and films.

Central's Board Meets

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inary are advisory members of the Bo and of the Executive Committee.

The items of business claiming the tention of the Board were largely tine. Even so, there appeared defini progressive steps which it was recog ed should be taken, but which the lim tion of funds prevented.

It is generally believed that the Lut an Church in this great midwest h needs and deserves a better equip Seminary than is at the present fi cially possible. This is said in the foundest appreciation of the most markable support which the Semin has been afforded, especially during past decade.

Special Gifts

Our friends continue to remember not only in their prayers, but by t gifts. Without the former we would poor indeed. And without the latter work would be greatly hampered, if rendered impossible. To all, but especially to those listed below, we press our genuine gratitude.

GENERAL FUND

Anonymous ..... $
ULCW Christ Church, Ellis, Kansas, The Rev. James F. Shirck, Pastor .....
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Keisler On Trip

President Keisler left on the mor of November 20th for Des Moines, Newron, Iowa; Washington, D.C.; Co bia, S. C., and for Texas where he attend the meetings of the Confere in the Texas and Louisiana Synod. will not return to the campus until a December 9th.

Vhat Shall It rofit A Man . . .

n 1923, a very important meeting was d at the Edgewater Beach Hotel in icago. Attending this meeting were ie of the world's most successful fi- nciers. Those present were:

. The president of the world's largest ependent steel company;
2. The president of the world's largest lity company;
3. The president of the world's largest s company;
4. The world's greatest wheat specula- ;
5. The president of the New York ock Exchange;
6. A member of the cabinet of the esident of the United States;
7. The greatest "bear" of Wall Street;
8. The head of the world's greatest nopoly; and,
9. The president of the Bank of In- national Settlements.

Here were gathered a group of the rld's financial leaders, each with a per- al fortune of tremendous proportions. ch had completely mastered the art of king money.

Thirty-one years later, 1954, these nine n appear as follows:

1. The president of the world's largest dependent steel company, Charles hwab, died a bankrupt after living on rrowed money for five years.
2. The president of the world's great- utility company. Samuel Insull, died penniless criminal in a foreign land.
3. The president of the world's largest s company, Howard Hopson, is now sane.
4. The world's greatest wheat specula- r, Arthur Cutten, died abroad. insolvent.
5. The president of the New York Stock change, Richard Whitney, was releas- a few years ago from Sing Sing Peni- ntiary.
6. The member of the President's cab- et, Albert Fall, was pardoned from ison so that he could die at home.
7. The greatest "bear" of Wall Street, sse Livermore, died a suicide.
8. The head of the world's greatest nopoly, Ivon Krueger, dove from a er on the high seas—a suicide.
9. The president of the Bank of Inter- tional Settlement, Leon Fraser, died a icide.

All of these men learned well the art making money, but not one of them rned how to live. "What is a man ofited, if he shall gain the whole world d lose his own soul? Or what shall a n give in exchange for his soul?"— e Detroit Board of Commerce, Detroit, chigan.

Pastoral Care Class Gets a Practical Look

—by Hugh H. Houchin

Dr. Mattson's class in Pastoral Care recently received a look into some of the responsibilities that will be theirs as future ministers, when they visited four institutions on two field trips.

On Monday, October 13, the class journeyed to Beatrice, arriving there in time to begin a tour of the State Hospital for the Feeble Minded at 8:30 a.m. All phases of the work of the Beatrice Hospital were observed and the problems of the care and instruction of men, women, and children with IQ ratings from 0-80 were discussed.

The class then went to Lincoln, arriving at the Nebraska State Penitentiary in time for lunch within the prison walls. After lunch the prison chaplain took the class throughout the penitentiary. The tour concluded in the warden's office where problems of the prison relating to the ministry were discussed.

The second field trip was on Friday, November 7. This trip took Dr. Mattson's class to Omaha. The morning was spent observing the facilities of Immanuel Lutheran Hospital under the guidance of the two chaplains. These facilities included the hospital, the home for the aged, home for the crippled, home for children, and a Deaconess Home, and training school. The tour was concluded with lectures by the Chaplain on the job of the minister and by the staff social worker on the problems of unwed mothers.

The afternoon was spent at the Psychiatric Institute, where here again the group was conducted by the Chaplain of the institution. A staff psychiatrist lectured on the relationship between the parish minister and thee professional psychiatrist, and the public health educator discussed admission procedures and the services offered by the Psychiatric Institute, such as in-patient and outpatient care. A short tour of the hospital facilities concluded the day.

From these trips and experiences the entire class has gained a deeper insight into the significance of not only the term, but of the problems, of Pastoral Care.

Do you remember the front cover of The Lutheran under date of November 12? Did you recognize the young lady who was getting Dr. Fry's autograph? It was none other than Judy Hendriksen, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hendriksen. Mr. Hendriksen has been the faithful and efficient treasurer of Central Seminary since its beginning in 1949. Hearty congratulations to a fine young lady.

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ADVENT

—by Wilhelm C. Linss

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

This phrase in ordinary usage is a call to action: Go, do something. But let it be a real question this time: What are you waiting for? Are you waiting for the weekend that you may rest from your work? Are you waiting for the next pay day that you may be able to take care of your bills? But what happens when weekend and pay day come? You wait again for the next one. This kind of waiting is never fulfilled.

In the New Testament also, we hear of people who were waiting. But their waiting has been fulfilled. They are able to sing: "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people," and "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word, for mine eyes have seen thy salvation." Like a watchman, released from his guard duty, Simeon can now die in peace, for that which he had been expecting, has arrived. They had been waiting for salvation, for God's entry into this world.

Advent every year reminds us of this waiting and of the expected salvation. The fact that it recurs yearly might suggest to us that this waiting also is never fulfilled. But this is not the case. It is fulfilled, it has been fulfilled. The yearly reminder is necessary because of our forgetfulness. We forget that we were waiting, that there was a time in our life without God, without Christ; we forget what we were or are waiting for, namely not a temporary relief, a passing help, but an eternal salvation; and we forget that it has come, once and for all, in Christ Jesus. Advent wants to remind us of this glorious truth.

But we are not yet in heaven, and thus in a sense, we are still waiting. The fulfillment has come but it is not yet openly visible. We live between the first and the second advent, coming of Christ. The Advent season, telling us that the first fulfillment has come, also calls us to be ready for the second. Therefore it is a time both of rejoicing and of repentance, of fulfilled expectation and expected fulfillment.

What are you waiting for? If you are waiting for salvation, then this Advent proclaims to you: He, the Savior, has come. Make ready for Him, let Him come to you.

Capsule Comments

Dr. Wesley J. Fuerst led in two hour periods of Bible Study at th cent convention of the Northeast ference of the Synod in the Ce States. He presented a study of book of Daniel.

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Representatives of the student who plan to attend the Associatio Lutheran Seminarians to be held Southern Seminary, Columbia, South olina, during the Thanksgiving re include Rick Anderson, Ray Pe Charles Harman, Jim Von Holten, Daugs, Charles Vorkoper, William ter.

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In the comparatively near future Board's Committee on Promotion Development will be sending from Seminary office two pieces of new motional material. One will be a p to be hung in some suitable and co uous place in each church in our tory, and the other will be an attra folder to be broadcast among our ple. The materials are being design a professional advertising man, a friend of Central.

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Time is past due publicly to rec again the generosity of a val friend of Central Seminary. For m and even years, now, the Douglas ty Gazette, Waterloo, Nebraska, George W. Woodward, Jr., owner manager, has been printing Central inary's Bulletin without cost, eithe the work involved or the stock. Th ly cost we pay is that for the cuts are used. One could hardly wish better and more generous friend that. Perhaps there will be those ers of these lines who will want to at least a card to Mr. Woodward press the gratitude which is certai their hearts.

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Among the recent visitors to ou pus have been the Rev. Fred J. doerffer, Dr. Gould Wickey, and Henry Endress. Dr. Wickey spent continuing a rather exhaustive sur is making of all the ULCA semi and Dr. Endress addressed the and students for about one and o hours on each of three days on the of the Lutheran Laymen's Moveme Stewardship, of which he is the en and consecrated executive secretar